

Chipaya language

Chipaya is a native South American language of the Uru–Chipaya language family. The only other language in the grouping, Uru, is considered by some to be a divergent dialect of Chipaya. Ethnologue lists the language vitality as "vigorous," with 1200 speakers out of an ethnic population of around 1800. Chipaya has been influenced considerably by Aymara, the Quechuan languages, and more recently, Spanish, with a third of its vocabulary having been replaced by those languages.

The Chipayan language is spoken in the area south of Lake Titicaca along the Desaguadero River in the mountains of Bolivia and mainly in the town of Chipaya located in the Sabaya Province of the Bolivian department of Oruro north of Coipasa Salt Flats. Native speakers generally refer to it as *Puquina* or *Uchun Maa Taqu* ("our mother language"), but is not the same as the extinct Puquina language. Chipaya is an agglutinative language, though it has features uncommon to most agglutinative languages, according to preliminary research by the organization DOBES.

Chipaya	
<i>Puquina</i>	
Native to	Bolivia
Region	Oruro Department
Native speakers	1,800 (2011) ^[1]
Language family	Uru–Chipaya <div>▪ Chipaya</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	cap
Glottolog	chip1262 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/chip1262) ^[2]

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Phonology

Consonants

		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>		<u>Uvular</u>	
						<u>plain</u>	<u>labialized</u>	<u>plain</u>	<u>labialized</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		m /m/	n /n/	ɲ /ɲ/		ŋ /ŋ/			
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>plain</u>	p /p/	t /t/		č /c/	k /k/	kʷ /kʷ/	q /q/	
	<u>ejective</u>	p' /p'/	t' /t'/		č' /c'/	k' /k'/		q' /q'/	
<u>Affricate</u>	<u>plain</u>		ɕ /ts/	ch /tʃ/					
	<u>ejective</u>		ɕ' /ts'/	ch' /tʃ'/					
<u>Fricative</u>			s /s/	sh /ʃ/	š /ɕ/	h /x/	hʷ /xʷ/	x /χ/	xʷ /χʷ/
<u>Approximant</u>			l /l/	lʲ /lʲ/	y /j/		w /w/		

Consonant clusters

Multiple possibilities are separated by slashes, and optional elements are enclosed in parentheses.

Possible syllable onsets are:

- **(s/š) + p + (h)**
- **(s/š/sh) + k/q + (h/hʷ/x/xʷ)**
- **s/š + p/k/kʷ/q/qʷ/h/hʷ/m/n**
- **t + h/hʷ/x/xʷ**
- **ɕ/č/ch/l + h**

Possible syllable codas are:

- **h/x + p/t/k/q/l/lʲ/r + (t)**
- **hʷ/xʷ + k/q + (t)**
- **Consonant + t**

Vowels

- Vowels have continental values for **a**, [a], **e** [e], **i** [i], **o**, [o], and **u** [u]. Each vowel can be short, e.g., **a** [a], or long, e.g., **a•** [aː].

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External links

- **DOBES - Chipaya Language** (<http://www.mpi.nl/DOBES/projects/chipaya>)

- [DOBES - Uru-Chipaya \(http://dobes.mpi.nl/projects/uru-chipaya\)](http://dobes.mpi.nl/projects/uru-chipaya)
 - [Lilian Porterie Etudes, Audios and Transcriptions of the Chipaya Language \(http://celia.cnrs.fr/FichExt/Fonds_Liliane/pres_fonds.htm\)](http://celia.cnrs.fr/FichExt/Fonds_Liliane/pres_fonds.htm)
 - [Chipaya \(https://ids.clld.org/contributions/270\)](https://ids.clld.org/contributions/270) (Intercontinental Dictionary Series)
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